GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2528
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2008
SHIFTING OF HEADQUARTERS OF SALT COMMISSIONER
Kanodia Shri Mahesh Kumar;Mistry Shri Madhusudan Devram;Pathak Shri Harin;Solanki Shri Bhupendrasinh Prabhatsinh

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan regarding a re- look into the matter of shifting the headquarters of the office of the Salt Commissioner from Jaipur to Gandhi Nagar have been implemented;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In compliance with the orders dated 4.10.2007 of the High Court of Rajasthan, all the concerned parties i.e. Government of Rajasthan, Government of Gujarat and All India Salt Department Employees Union were given a hearing. The oral and written submissions made by the State Governments and the Employees Union were carefully considered and it has been decided that it is not necessary to shift the Headquarters Office of the Salt Commissioner from Jaipur in Rajasthan to Gandhinagar in Gujarat. In addition to the existing establishment of Salt Department in Gujarat, it has been decided to establish a camp office of Salt Commissioner in Gujarat and the Salt Commissioner has been advised to be in Gujarat for at least five working days in a month to give special attention to the issues pertaining to Salt Industry in Gujarat.